

President of the Senate on February 21, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5254. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Iverness, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66)) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0540) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 21, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5255. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Rugby, ND" ((RIN2120-AA66)) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0433) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 21, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5256. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Portsmouth, OH" ((RIN2120-AA66)) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0850) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 21, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5257. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Greenfield, IA" ((RIN2120-AA66)) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0846) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 21, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5258. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Galbraith Lake, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0865) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 21, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5259. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Rockingham, NC" ((RIN2120-AA66)) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1146) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 21, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5260. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Kwigillingok, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66)) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0881) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 21, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-66. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of North Dakota respectfully applies for an amendments convention to the Constitution of the United States to be called for the purpose of proposing an amendment that provides that an increase in the federal debt requires approval from a majority of the legislatures of the separate states; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4007

A concurrent resolution providing for the application for an amendments convention to the Constitution of the United States to be called for the purpose of proposing an amendment that provides that an increase in the federal debt requires approval from a majority of the legislatures of the separate states.

WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution of the United States provides authority for a convention to be called by the Congress of the United States for the purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States upon application of two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states—an amendments convention; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Legislative Assembly favors the proposal and ratification of an amendment to the Constitution of the United States that provides that an increase in the federal debt requires approval from a majority of the legislatures of the separate states; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of North Dakota, the House of Representatives Concurring Therein: That the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of the state of North Dakota respectfully applies for an amendments convention to the Constitution of the United States to be called for the purpose of proposing an amendment that provides that an increase in the federal debt requires approval from a majority of the legislatures of the separate states; and be it further

Resolved, that the amendments convention contemplated by this application must be focused entirely upon and exclusively limited to the subject matter of proposing for ratification an amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing that an increase in the federal debt requires approval from a majority of the legislatures of the separate states; and be it further

Resolved, that this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until at least two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states have made application for an equivalently limited amendments convention; and be it further

Resolved, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation, and to the presiding officers of each house of the several state legislatures, requesting their co-operation in applying for the amendments convention limited to the subject matter contemplated by this application.

POM-67. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Rockland County, New York, requesting that the United States Congress pass bill H.R. 1084 and S. 587—The Fracturing Responsibility and Awareness of Chemicals (FRAC) Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first

and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. WICKER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. INHOPE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. TESTER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MORAN, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 2166. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize technical assistance to small public water systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 2167. A bill to increase the employment of Americans by requiring State workforce agencies to certify that employers are actively recruiting Americans and that Americans are not qualified or available to fill the positions that the employer wants to fill with H-2B nonimmigrants; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 2168. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to modify the definition of supervisor; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. PAUL):

S. 2169. A bill to require the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to be appointed by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. LEE):

S. 2170. A bill to amend the provisions of title 5, United States Code, which are commonly referred to as the "Hatch Act" to eliminate the provision preventing certain State and local employees from seeking elective office, clarify the application of certain provisions to the District of Columbia, and modify the penalties which may be imposed for certain violations under subchapter III of chapter 73 of that title; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 2171. A bill to enhance the promotion of exports of United States goods and services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 2172. A bill to remove the limit on the anticipated award price for contracts awarded under the procurement program for women-owned small business concerns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. LEE, Mr. PAUL, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 2173. A bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. COONS):

S. Res. 390. A resolution honoring the life and legacy of the Honorable Donald M. Payne; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1002

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1002, a bill to prohibit theft of medical products, and for other purposes.

S. 1301

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) were added as cosponsors of S. 1301, a bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2012 through 2015 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in persons, and for other purposes.

S. 1425

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1425, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to ensure fairness in election procedures with respect to collective bargaining representatives.

S. 1440

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1440, a bill to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity.

S. 1544

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1544, a bill to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to exempt a certain class of securities from such Act.

S. 1591

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1591, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Raoul Wallenberg, in recognition of his achievements and heroic actions during the Holocaust.

S. 1598

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1598, a bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to prevent excessive speculation in commodity markets and excessive speculative position limits on energy contracts, and for other purposes.

S. 1770

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1770, a bill to prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on the sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status of any prospective adoptive or foster parent, or the sexual orientation or gender identity of the child involved.

S. 1935

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs.

HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1935, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the March of Dimes Foundation.

S. 1970

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1970, a bill to amend the securities laws to provide for registration exemptions for certain crowdfunded securities, and for other purposes.

S. 2090

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2090, a bill to amend the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act to extend the period of time provided to the Indian Law and Order Commission to produce a required report, and for other purposes.

S. 2112

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2112, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize space-available travel on military aircraft for members of the reserve components, a member or former member of a reserve component who is eligible for retired pay but for age, widows and widowers of retired members, and dependents.

S. 2125

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2125, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modify the designation of accreditation organizations for orthotics and prosthetics, to apply accreditation and licensure requirements to suppliers of such devices and items for purposes of payment under the Medicare program, and to modify the payment rules for such devices and items under such program to account for practitioner qualifications and complexity of care.

S. 2128

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2128, a bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to clarify that all veterans programs are exempt from sequestration, and for other purposes.

S. 2142

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2142, a bill to permit employees to request, and to ensure employers consider requests for, flexible work terms and conditions, and for other purposes.

S. 2150

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNIS), the Senator from South

Dakota (Mr. THUNE) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 2150, a bill to amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to clarify that the value of certain funeral and burial arrangements are not to be considered available resources under the supplemental security income program.

S. RES. 380

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 380, a resolution to express the sense of the Senate regarding the importance of preventing the Government of Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons capability.

S. RES. 385

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 385, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its continued persecution, imprisonment, and sentencing of Youcef Nadarkhani on the charge of apostasy.

S. RES. 386

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 386, a resolution calling for free and fair elections in Iran, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1739

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1739 intended to be proposed to S. 1813, a bill to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1769

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1769 intended to be proposed to S. 1813, a bill to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1789

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1789 intended to be proposed to S. 1813, a bill to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1804

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1804 intended to be proposed to S. 1813, a bill to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.